

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-4, 12-14, and 22-24 are canceled. Claims 1, 11, and 21 are amended to incorporate the features of the cancelled claims. No new matter has been added. Claims 31-37 are added. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification on page 23, line 16 through page 27, line 15. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Interview Summary

(Being Scheduled for Friday, 12/15/2006)

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13, 15, 16, 18-23, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by *Dockser*, Microprocessor With Programmable Instruction Trap For Deimplementing Instructions, US Patent 6,006,030 (December 21, 1999) (hereinafter “*Dockser*.”)

In response to the Examiner’s objection that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (*Office Action* dated November 10, 2004, page 8), Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate all the features of claims 2, 3, and 4. Accordingly, claim 1 should now be allowable form. Applicants have further amended independent claims 11 and 21 similarly to claim 1. Therefore, claims 11 and 21 should now be allowable form.

Because all remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 11, and 21, the same distinctions between *Dockser* and the claimed inventions apply to the dependent claims. Consequently, Applicants respectfully urge that all claims should now be allowed.

III. Objection to Claims

The Examiner stated that claims 4, 7, 14, 17, 24, and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the claims have been rewritten to overcome this objection.

IV. Conclusion

The subject application is patentable over *Dockser* and should now be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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